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## TELEGRAMS.

### PEACE CONFERENCE.

#### POSITION OF GREECE.

Reuter's  
[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, December 14.  
Reuter's Constantinople correspondent states that the Turkish peace delegates have been instructed not to meet the Greek delegates in London until Greece has signed the armistice.

The Bulgarian representatives arrived on Friday and the Turkish delegates reached London later in the day.

The Lord Mayor has intimated that it will afford him great pleasure to give a dejeuner in honour of the delegates at the Mansion House.

The opening meeting of the delegates will probably take place on Monday.

#### BAD SIGNS.

The portents of the Peace Conference are not regarded as being two favourable. Turkey's objection to the presence of the Greeks almost suggests a hitch at the outset, while the interviews published with M. Danef, the President of the Bulgarian Sobranje, en route to London, declaring that the Bulgarian possession of Adrianople was a *sine qua non*, otherwise the war would be renewed, and with Roshiz Pasha, dwelling on Turkey's greatly improved position, scarcely indicate conciliatoriness. The Servian Press, too, is becoming more violent against Austria, again asserting the Servian claims for a port on the Adriatic.

#### ROUMANIA'S DESIRE.

The "Koenigliche Zeitung" states that Roumania is desirous of being represented at the meeting of the Ambassadors in London, and the Triple Alliance would support Roumania if it announces its wish.

#### SERVIA AND ITALY.

The "Tribune" states that Austria desired that the question of a Servian port on the Adriatic should be excluded from the Conference of Ambassadors in London, but Italy desired its inclusion. The Italian views appear to be gaining ground.

#### THE ALLIES UNITED.

The Balkan Delegates had a meeting on Friday night, and after a long discussion established a perfect unity of purpose.

A later message states that an improvised conference of the Balkan delegates took place on Friday night and lasted till midnight. It was agreed that the Servian delegate, M. Novakovich, who was the senior in respect of age, should preside at the negotiations unless the Turks objected, in which case, the chief of each mission would preside alternately. It was agreed that absolute secrecy be maintained. The delegates are absolutely agreed as to the attitude of the allies towards Turkey and the terms to be presented. The meeting concluded with an exchange of the most sincere and most friendly assurances of the unity of the Balkan States.

#### THE BULGARIAN DELEGATE.

M. Danef has proceeded to Paris to confer with M. Poincaré. Reuter's correspondent at Paris states that M. Danef had a most cordial interview with M. Poincaré and then saw the Russian Ambassador, after which he left for London.

#### BULGARIA'S HOPES.

Reuter's correspondent at Sofia states that the Speech from the Throne, read at the opening of the Sobranje, congratulates the troops on their glorious victories and trusts that the negotiations in London will result in Treaty giving legitimate satisfaction to Allies and that it will be necessary for them to continue the struggle.

The legislation includes a credit of £2,000,000 for Army purposes, by three points to nil at Cardiff, in a Rugby football match.

## TELEGRAMS.

### PEACE CONFERENCE.

#### AUSTRIA AND SERVIA.

Reuter's  
[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, December 14.

Reuter's correspondent at Belgrade says that it is said that Servia is prepared to negotiate with Austria on the following terms:—Servia to recognise the autonomy of Albania; to have a port in the Adriatic with which she can communicate freely, engaging not to transform it into a military port; to give Austria-Hungary preference as regards loans for public works; to grant for most-civilised nation treatment; and revise the tariff in her favour.

### THE GERMAN NAVY.

#### NEW AIR DIVISION.

London, December 14.

Reuter's correspondent at Berlin telegraphs that it admitted that in the land acquired at Cuxhaven ostensibly for a military range, there will be a station for a new Air Division of the Navy covering a share of one kilometre at a cost of £30,000. A revolving double airship hull will cost a further £85,000.

#### BIG MILITARY PROGRAMME.

Reuter's correspondent at Berlin says that the semi-official "Norddeutsche Zeitung" foreshadows fresh military expenditure. This is regarded as portending supplementary estimates for the development of the Airship Fleet, the formation of new Cavalry Divisions, Howitzer detachments, etc. It is expected that the outlay will be partly met by a new property tax.

#### THE OPIUM TRADE.

#### STRONG INDIAN COMPLAINTS

London, December 14.

The Indian bankers and opium merchants have sent an express petition to the Viceroy calling upon the Imperial and Indian Governments to insist upon the observance of the Anglo-Chinese Agreement by China, whose action is subjecting them to ruinous losses. They maintain that if steps are not taken, the Indian Government should take back the opium, for which the merchants had paid exorbitant prices or the understanding that the Treaty would be carried out faithfully.

#### THE CHINESE LOAN.

#### SIX POWER GROUP MEET.

London, December 15.

A Conference of the Six-Power Group took place in London yesterday to consider a draft contract for a loan of £25,000,000.

It is assumed that an arrangement has been made with Mr. Crisp, since the Crisp loan precluded China from borrowing money from another source till the middle of 1913, unless Mr. Crisp was given an equal opportunity.

#### RUGBY.

#### AFRICANS BEAT WALES.

London, December 15.

The South Africans beat Wales by three points to nil at Cardiff, in a Rugby football match.

## TELEGRAMS.

### ADMIRAL BRIDGEMAN.

#### CONTROVERSY CONTINUES.

Reuter's  
[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, December 14.

The "Morning Post" declares that it has the best authority for stating that Vice-Admiral Bridgeman some time ago took the initiative in urging his colleagues to resign on the subject of the pay and the training of the Navy. Mr. Churchill gave this resolution to Mr. Asquith, which presumably resulted in Mr. Churchill's announcement of the increase in pay. When he acquiesced in Mr. Churchill's suggestion that he should retire, Vice-Admiral Bridgeman was offered the honour of Admiral of the Fleet, but he refused.

#### SETTLED.

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#### THE TERMS.

The terms of settlement involved the re-instatement of Knox, if he was found not drunk, or to resume work immediately on their former pay and in their old positions, paying a fine of six days' pay, the leaders to undertake to prevent spasmodic strikes without due notice in future. The Company were enabled to make the settlement owing to the action taken on or promised protection accepting money as compensation in lieu thereof.

#### THE WAR.

#### A STIFF BATTLE.

London, December 14.

Reuter's correspondent at Athens states that the battle on the Epirus frontier was interrupted at nightfall. The Greeks had 200 wounded. The principal feature of the engagement was a terrific artillery duel which lasted four hours.

Later. General Sapoundjakis' forces on the 12th inst. occupied the heights of Astorachon after a bayonet assault. The Turks on the 13th inst. abandoned Pesta and their whole line took refuge in the fortifications at Janina, which the Greeks are now besieging.

#### TURKISH VICTORY.

London, December 16.

A message from Constantinople states that reports of a Turkish victory near Janina and the capture of a Greek Mountain Battery have been officially confirmed.

#### NAVAL HOSTILITIES.

There have been some fruitless cannonading between Greek torpedo boats and Turkish war vessels and forts at the entrance to the Dardanelles.

#### SERVIA COMPLAINS.

A telegram from Belgrade states that in consequence of the ever-growing Austrian military measures, Servia has made representations to Austria complaining of anti-Servian demonstrations, particularly opposite Belgrade.

#### THE BRITISH NAVY.

#### WHAT IT MEANS.

London, December 15.

Mr. Churchill, speaking at the prize-giving in connection with the Naval Volunteers in London, said that Great Britain occupies a fine position in the world. "When the minor Powers of Europe wish a compact of peace they come to London because they know that we do not seek a selfish object and we fear no foe." It was the Navy that gave British diplomacy the power to work effectively for the peace of Europe. It was the Navy which was binding the dominions and leading Imperial union.

## TELEGRAMS.

### THE RAILWAY STRIKE.

#### SETTLEMENT HOPES.

Reuter's  
[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, December 14.

The Conference between the North-Eastern Railway and the men's officials has not yet agreed upon the question of the reinstatement of the strikers, but both are hopeful as to a settlement being reached.

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#### MAJOR GENERAL METCALFE.

London, December 15.

The death has taken place of Major-General Metcalfe, who was besieged in Ladysmith during the Boer War. The deceased General retired from the Active List in 1910. He entered the army in 1874 and first saw service in Burma in 1886-7 as a Captain. He also served on the N.W. frontier of India in 1897-8 and was twice mentioned in despatches in the Boer War. He was made Major-General in 1910.

London, December 16.

A good League match took place on Saturday on the H.K.C.C. ground, between Hongkong "B" team and the Civil Service. Thanks to the batting of Hutchison, Mitchell and Brawn, the visitors were able to score 115 runs before the tenth wicket fell. For Hongkong, the Rev. Hastings was particularly useful with the ball, taking four wickets for 27 runs. The Hongkong "B" team replied with 120 for 9 wickets, the chief scorers being Stephenson, Jellicoe, R. Hancock 30 and S. S. Moore 27. The Civil Service bowling was very even, the best average being that of Hamilton, 3 wickets for 20. The scores were:

Civil Service  
E. R. Poole, R. N. b. Hastings 7  
G. R. Sayer b. Hastings 0  
F. A. Biden b. Hastings 1  
H. Ellis b. w. b. Dodwell 0  
H. A. Cox b. Dodwell 0  
R. O. Hutchinson b. Dodwell 33  
R. C. Witchell b. R. Hancock, b. Dodwell 21  
R. E. O. Bird c. b. Dodwell 9  
A. O. Brawn c. Dodwell, b. Hastings 27  
H. T. Jackman stpd. H. Hancock, b. Dodwell 6  
E. W. Hamilton not out 10  
Extras 1

#### COCAINE CASE.

At the Police Court, this afternoon, a Chinese was charged before Mr. Hazelton, with being in unlawful possession of 1,000 ounces of cocaine.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted and Mr. Marcus Slade K.C., instructed by Mr. Lewis, of Messrs. Johnson Stokes and Master, defended.

A dock coolie from Kowloon gave evidence for the prosecution, saying that he was engaged to carry the stuff.

The cocaine, it was stated, was concealed in bales of waste newspapers.

The case was proceeding as we went to press.

#### STEAMER REPORTS.

Incoming steamers report as follows:

Machew, from Cebu: Strong N.E. winds and high sea.

Changchow, from Tientsin: Strong monsoon and following sea in the Formosa Channel.

Chinhua, from Shanghai: N.

E. wind, moderate sea and fine weather.

Triumph, from Haiphong: Fair.

Hangsang, from Shanghai: Fresh N.E. monsoon.

Haiching, from Swatow: Moderate Northerly winds and variable weather.

Latv, from Liverpool: Strong N.E. monsoon from Singapore to Hongkong; two days late.

Waishing, from Chinawato:

Fine N.E. monsoon, moderate sea.

Extras 1

Total 120

Bowling:

M. O. R. W.

R. E. O. Bird 10 1 36 1

R. C. Witchell 11 1 48 4

H. A. Cox 23 0 11 1

E. W. Hamilton 3 0 20 3

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## GENERAL NEWS.

**Footballer's Illness.**  
Footballers throughout the world will learn with regret that Mr. H. C. Stafford, the English Rugby international and captain of Bedford Rugby Club, is lying dangerously ill. The illness is attributed to internal growth.

## A Riot at Wuhu.

Wuhu, December 7.—A riot took place here last night. The shops were closed and the streets barricaded, but only a few houses were looted. The British Consul warned foreign residents of the danger at twelve o'clock midnight. The disturbance was caused by some disbanded soldiers who had been unpaid.

## The Mongolian Telegraphs.

A Peking message to "Asahi" states that since the telegraph office at Kulang has been occupied by the Mongolian army, the Chinese authorities have been experiencing great inconvenience in connection with the working of the telegraph. The Chinese Government has therefore decided to send an Englishman to take charge of the telegraph office, and the man appointed has left Changchakou for Kulang with an escort of 200 troops.

## Cholera in Kobe and Osaka.

A diver, who has been engaged on the Kobe harbour-works, after suffering for several days from a severe attack of diarrhoea, was taken to the Prefectural hospital, where on the evening of the 3rd instant the case was pronounced to be one of cholera. The patient was instantly isolated. A seaman employed by the Kobe Pier Company, who left the port on Nov. 30th for Osaka on a lighter, while his vessel lay anchored off the Aikawa Hatchi, was suddenly taken ill; medical investigation showed the case to be one of cholera.—"Japan Chronicle."

## Peking Boycott to Cease.

Peking, December 10.—Appreciating the assistance rendered the new government by the Russo-Asiatic bank against which the Chinese recently declared a boycott, the government yesterday issued orders that the boycott should cease forthwith. This action is in no way connected with the present disagreement between the Chinese and Russian governments, but is understood to be only an act of gratitude toward the owners of the bank who came forward with funds at crucial periods of the recent revolution and aided materially in the success of the Republicans.

## The Inundations in Korea.

The official figures just published in Seoul of the damage done to life and property in Korea by the inundations following the storms in July and September last, are as follow:—Killed, 203; Injured, 113; houses collapsed, 22,569; houses flooded, 42,850; bridges washed away, 2,202. In addition to the above, railways and roads were damaged at different places, an extensive area of cultivated land was flooded or covered with sand, and river banks gave way in many places. The total damage to property is estimated at about £5,807,288.

## Motor Hearse in Collision.

An alarming accident occurred recently in Bridge-road, Battersea, when a glass motor funeral hearse came into violent collision with a motor lorry owned by the Co-operative Civil Service Company (Limited). The vehicle was descending the rather steep decline from Battersea Bridge at a good speed, when the hearse emerged from Park-road. The impact was so great that the glass hearse was thrown on to the front of a General omnibus and completely wrecked. The drivers had wonderful escapes from serious injury.

## The Indian Public Services Commission.

Allahabad, 15th November. The Local Governments have been addressed by the Government of India in connection with the Royal Commission on the Indian Services with a view to the examination of witnesses. The tour programme of the Commission has not yet been definitely settled, but the original place of meeting may be Madras, instead of Bombay. Although no detailed programme of the Islington Commission has been drawn up, it seems likely that an examination of witnesses will begin at Madras on the 8th of January. Various sets of questions will be forwarded to the Local Government in the course of the next few weeks.

## SERVICE MATTERS.

**Captain Lovedale R.G.A.**  
Captain F. W. Lovedale, Royal Garrison Artillery, is appointed Brigade Major, Abbottabad Brigade.

## General Davison.

Major-General Davison, C. B., commanding Nasirabad Brigade, is granted leave out of India for six months.

## R. E. Officers in India.

Lieutenant Baumberger, R. E., Public Works Department, has been selected for appointment to the Sappers and Miners employed in the Lohit country. 2nd-Lieutenant Wheeler, R. E., on arrival in India for a tour on duty is posted to Military Works in the Meerut Division.

## "Control" and "Director"

## Firing Test.

Very keen interest is being taken (says the "Naval and Military Record" of November 8) in the competitive firing of the battleships Thunderer and Orion, which are in Banty Bay awaiting rough weather in which to test under the most exacting conditions, the relative merits of Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Scott's "fire-director" invention and the Admiralty method of "fire control." The ship will fire simultaneously at two targets placed two miles apart, the range in each case being ten thousand yards. The Thunderer is fitted with Sir Percy Scott's fire director device, which up to the present has exceeded all expectations in fire organization as regards both rapidity and accuracy. The Orion carries the firecontrol equipment which was adopted by the Admiralty some years ago and has helped largely towards bringing about the present standard of gunnery efficiency in the British fleet.

The Orion, which now bears the flag of Rear-Admiral Rosslyn E. Wemyss, has proved to be a good gunnery ship, and has also the advantage of having been in commission over ten months, whereas the Thunderer was not commissioned until June 15—an important difference in a matter which depends largely upon the gunnery department of a ship's company.

The trials will be carried out in the presence of flag officers, viz., Vice-Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, in the Hercules flagship of the Second Squadron; Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Scott, in the Thunderer; Rear-Admiral Rosslyn Wemyss, in the Orion, flagship of the Second Battle Squadron; Rear-Admiral Sir George Warrender, in the Indomitable, flagship of the second Cruiser squadron; Rear-Admiral Montagu Browning, inspector of target practice; and Rear-Admiral R. H. Peirce, a former inspector of target practice.

## Sir Percy Scott's Invention.

A further report from Borehaven states that the result of the comparative tests, which have been held between the battleships Thunderer and Orion, to establish definitely the superiority of Sir Percy Scott's system of director firing over that hitherto in use. For four years it has been questioned whether the new method was superior to the old and it was to settle the matter conclusively that the Admiralty ordered the experiments to take place between the Thunderer, which was fitted with the new invention, and the Orion, which was not. The two vessels were ordered to fire at the same time with the same range and targets, and to make the trial as effective as possible it was ordered to be held in the Atlantic in rough weather, not necessarily in a storm, but with the ships rolling at least five degrees each way. Under these conditions the Thunderer made five times as many hits as the Orion, and completely eclipsed all previous records of firing, including those obtained in fine weather. It is said that the broadsides of the Thunderer, sometimes from five and sometimes from 10 guns, seemed to rain on the targets. The new system, says the "Times," will be fitted to all armoured ships with the least possible delay.

## New Chinese Admiral.

The Chinese Minister of Marine has appointed Mr. Li Ting-sing, Naval Inspector on the Yangtze, to succeed to the post of Chief of the Naval Staff at Shanghai, vacated by the death of Admiral Hsiang Chung Yin. The new Admiral was to take over his duties in Shanghai on the 6th inst.

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## REWARD:

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Hongkong, 11th Dec., 1912. [709]

## DEFENCE OF THE EMPIRE.

The "Times" on the F. M. S. Warship.

We live in breathless times, and every morning presents us with so varied a diet of news that those who mark it all must have robust and eager minds, says the "Times." The swift march of events in the Balkans, and our sudden crisis at home, have matter enough in themselves to keep our interest strained; and it is not perhaps unnatural that other events of no less import and weight have attracted something less than their due meed of public note. Chief among these is the auto-spirited action of the Federated Malay States in presenting to the British Government a first-class armoured ship. Were Parliament less burdened than it is, we should have been glad to see some worthier notice given to that event than a mere question and answer across the floor of the House. The British Government, however, has rightly accepted the gift in terms of warm acknowledgment, and we can assure the rulers and peoples of those distant States that the appreciation expressed by the Colonial Secretary is strongly and sincerely endorsed by the whole people of the British Isles. Not all the public, we suspect, has realized as yet how striking and significant the notion is. It is not much to say that such an offering from four subject peoples to an Empire swayed by an alien and distant race has found no place in history hitherto. The value of the gift is not in magnitude alone, though by that measure only it is remarkable enough. The joint revenue of the four States had made great strides in recent months, but it is still, if we are not mistaken, a good deal short of five millions sterling a year. Half a single year's revenue, even though spread over a period of five years, is generous indeed as a gift from Dependencies of such moderate stature and such recent growth. But the moral significance of the event is incomparably more marked. Alone of all Empires in history or in the modern

Precautions Against Cholera in France.

Paris, Nov. 19.—Sanitary precautions against the introduction of cholera into France have been adopted at Marseilles, and also on the railway lines which connect with the Orient route. The passengers to France from Constantinople via Kustendji (Constantza) and Bukarest are said to be very few in number, and, although mail bags continue to be despatched from France by this route, none or next to none are said to be arriving from the Near East. The work of control and disinfection is, therefore, simplified. Travellers by the land route from Constantinople are, moreover, subject to medical control at Kustendji, in Austria, and finally in Germany before they reach France. All ships from Turkish ports are now subject to quarantine on their arrival in French waters.

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#### THE BOYCOTT ORDINANCE.

Only on Thursday last, in discussing the tramway boycott, we stated our belief "that masterly schemes have quickened and are almost ready to be brought forth, which will crash this insolent repudiation of our coinage forever." Saturday's issue of the "Government Gazette" amply justified the confidence expressed in these words. At Thursday's meeting of the Legislative Council, a Bill is to be introduced "to prevent the undue and improper interference with or hampering of lawful business and commercial undertakings". Important as this is in itself, it gathers greater force from the fact that the "Gazette" contains also a proclamation by His Excellency the Governor declaring the Colony subject to the provisions of Sections 7 to 14 of the Peace Preservation Ordinance. These sections, our readers will remember, were made operative at the time of the Chinese Revolution and were afterwards recalled.

Drastic measures were necessary, and the Government has not hesitated to adopt them. Such a boycott as has been continued for the past three weeks cannot be permitted in a British Colony; and the Government must be congratulated on the fact that the steps it proposes to take shall not only end the present boycott but shall prevent a recurrence of the same undesirable methods in the future. It was necessary to bring home to the Chinese community the fact that this is a British Colony, governed by the British and not by guild leaders, undesirable Canton politicians, and the like. And the Government has not hesitated to adopt very drastic steps in order that that truth shall be fully driven home. Ever since the beginning of the boycott we have urged the need for strong measures, at once corrective and deterrent. It is impossible to meet a determined Chinese boycott, the ring-leaders of which remain undiscovered (or who, at any rate, leave no loophole for the leakage of proof of their identity) and who work mysteriously and to such purpose, by kid-glove methods.

The Bill proposes, therefore, to punish not only individuals but districts. Any area where a boycott exists may be declared "a boycotting district," and a special rate may be levied from the inhabitants of that district. By means of that rate any person who has suffered loss as the result of the boycott, may be reimbursed. At a first glance these might appear harsh provisions in respect of the fact that the innocent, in a boycotted area, might suffer with the guilty; but the care with which the Bill has been drafted is abundantly proved by the fact that certain persons may be exempted from the operation of the levying clause. We interpret this as meaning that persons innocent of intention to boycott or intimidate have only to prove their innocence, and punishment will not fall upon them. Here is a Bill, therefore, which, in our view, meets the needs of the case. It is impossible to treat Chinese boycott leaders as though they were westerners; they must be met on their own ground and dealt with by methods of no uncertain firmness. The sole object of the Chinese leaders in instigating this Tramway boycott is to punish that Company for its presumption in refusing to accept other than British coins in payment of fares. The Company must be made, through pecuniary loss, to suffer for its action. The Government will, should the proposed Ordinance become law, be in a position to reimburse the Tramway Company for any and all losses it may sustain through the boycott, by levying a tax upon certain districts declared to be boycotted areas. The instigators and their supporters will then be made to pay the piper. The Company boycotted will suffer no loss, no punishment. Therefore the boycott is futile and the sooner it is declared "off," the better for all interested in it. The better-thinking Chinese must recognise this, must acknowledge, too, the characteristic British sense of fairness underlying the exemption clause, in the Bill. The Government, in a word, has found a fine cure for insolence and swollen head.

#### ENCOURAGING EDUCATION.

Lack of education has spoiled the chances of many a lad who has been compelled to leave school at an early age and take his place in the office or the factory, though with the huge network of evening continuation schools spread all over the United Kingdom, the problem is not now so acute as it was say ten or twenty years ago. In this connection it is of interest to note a point connected with the evening classes arranged by the Sheffield Education Committee; namely, that eleven important firms in the city have adopted definite schemes whereby they encourage their clerks and apprentices to continue their education.

#### EXCELLENT SCHEMES.

We note, for instance, that Messrs. Vickers, Ltd., have a system whereby the fees which the boys pay are refunded and their wages are increased by one shilling a week for every examination which they pass. It is thus possible for a youth to earn advances of three shillings a week as the result of one session's work. Another firm, Messrs. John Brown & Co., excuse their youth from starting work until after breakfast on mornings following attendance at evening classes, while Messrs. Thomas Firth and Sons, Ltd., return fees and also give money rewards for successful examinations. In fact of developments such as these, there is nowadays little excuse for lads who either neglect or are permitted to neglect educational influences.

#### ADMIRAL BRIDGMAN.

It seems impossible at present to get any very clear idea as to the cause of Vice Admiral Bridgeman's retirement. Following upon a variety of statements in the House, and by leading Home papers, to the effect that the Admiral's retirement was due to ill health, we now hear that that gentleman is hunting vigorously, three times a week, and must therefore be in tolerably good health; and, further, that he has given a direct denial to Mr. Churchill's announcement. Surely he is the most likely person to know. This is not the first time, by the way, that Mr. Winston Churchill has been known to make a statement without having first verified his facts.

#### ANOTHER STRIKE ENDED.

Everyone will be relieved to bear that the latest and most ludicrous of strikes has come to an end. We ventured the statement the other day that the British workman is a bit of an ass where an eye to his own best interests is concerned. In this particular case he has been idle for over a week, presumably on a strike-pay that is considerably under the amount of his ordinary day's wage; and now he has gone back to work, on the understanding—Jimong other things—that he is to be fined six days' pay. Granted he has won the moral victory of seeing his work-fellow restored to his post, but if this could not have been done without declaring a strike, we are greatly mistaken in our estimate of John Bull's general sense of fairness. As with most other strikes, the striker has decided not to come off best.

#### FRENCH MAIL DELAYED.

The Messageries Maritimes Co inform us that telegrams received on Saturday stated that the Company's outward steamer "Amazon" will arrive from Saigon on Wednesday the 18th instant at daylight; and that the homeward steamer Ernest Simons is detained in Shanghai for some engine repairs, the duration of which is still unknown.

#### THE ADAMASTOR.

On Saturday, Don Annibal de Long a Dias, Commander of the Portuguese cruiser "Adamastor," paid an official visit to the Portuguese Consul and to-day the Portuguese Consul, Commandador Leiria, returned the courtesy, and was saluted by the guns of the warship.

It is understood that the Portuguese cruiser will be in the harbour of the Colony for several days.

#### DAY BY DAY.

Habit will reconcile us to almost everything, though at first disagreeable.

#### CHILD'S BODY FOUND.

The body of a Chinese male about a week old has been found on the Soikung Road, near Kowloon city.

#### DEATH OF MRS. CORDEIRO.

The death occurred yesterday morning of Mrs. Cordeiro, wife of Mr. Daniel Antonio Cordeiro, at 8, Seymour Terrace. The funeral took place this afternoon.

#### EAR-RING FOUND.

We are advised that there was found at Government House after the ball on 12th instant, one ear-ring with screw attachment. The owner can obtain the same on application to the A.D.C.

#### UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Mr. Hazelton fined a man who was brought before him, at the Police Court, this morning, on a charge of being in an unlawful possession of opium, \$75, with an alternative of six weeks imprisonment.

#### CHRISTMAS MAIL FROM HOME.

The Post Office notifies that the parcel mail due by the s.s. Delta from Home on Friday—the Christmas mail—will not be ready for delivery until 11 a.m. on the following day.

#### MAKING ENQUIRIES.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. Hazelton, at the Police Court, this morning, with being in an unlawful possession of 46 teels of opium on board the Paul Beau. The case was remanded for enquiry to be made.

#### COUNTERFEIT COIN.

Before Mr. Melbourne, at the Police Court to-day, a man was sentenced to one month's imprisonment and four hours' stocks, for uttering, and having in his possession, a quantity of counterfeit ten cent pieces.

#### ONLY ONCE A YEAR.

A man who was charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, with having a king calendar without a licence, was fined \$1 or, in default three days. Defendant said he only hawked once a year (laughter).

#### YOUNG MAN INJURED.

A Chinese, aged about seventeen years, was removed to hospital yesterday by the police at Tsim Tsui. He was found lying on the Canton Road with wounds on the face, which he said had been caused by an Indian who had run away.

#### PICKET PICKING.

Two boys were brought before Mr. Hazelton at the Police Court, to-day, and charged with picking pockets. One of them was discharged, and the other, who had previous convictions, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment and a birching.

#### BAK-NOTE TRICK.

An old woman living in Stanley Street has reported to the police that whilst she was walking in Queen's Road Central yesterday, she was accosted by two men who obtained from her by the bank-note trick a pair of bangles valued at about \$40.

#### BALL ESTREATED.

John Smithson and George Campbell, who were charged with being drunk and disorderly and assaulting the police, were allowed bail of \$10 each. They failed to appear at the Police Court, this morning and Mr. C. D. Melbourne estreated the bail in each instance.

#### ALLEGED FALSE PRETENCES.

Mr. Jackson, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, appeared for the complainant in a case at the Police Court, this morning, in which a man was charged with receiving \$110 in banknotes by means of false pretences. The case was remanded until Thursday, bail in \$500 being allowed.

#### POWDER FORSOITED.

A man charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, with being in possession of fifteen catties of gun powder for blasting purposes, without a permit from the Captain Superintendent of Police and not having the powder marked "dangerous," was fined \$25, and the powder was forfeited.

#### THE AVIATION MEETING.

M. Kouzminsky's fine flights at Sha-tin.

Saturday's aviation meeting at Sha-tin was very well attended. The weather appeared to be all that could be desired for a successful flight—warm, clear and windless, though M. Kouzminsky informed "Telegraph" representative subsequently that he found the upper air distinctly chilly and that a sharp wind current was almost unpleasantly perceptible soon after he began to rise.

The Bleriot monoplane, in which the celebrated aviator ascended, is on the dragon-fly principle; a long slender body constructed of strips of lancewood, two broad and lengthy wings forward and two much smaller ones right aft. In the front part of the machine is a propeller of hard wood, controlled by the well-known Gnome motor engine, and the whole construction must be said to be far simpler than one had been led to suppose. Its entire weight does not exceed 250 kilos.

The enormous power of the propeller is a considerable surprise to the novice; no sooner did M. Kouzminsky put this in motion than one fancied one was in a heavy gale; hats flew off in all directions and one almost expected to see hair and heads follow the hats.

After a few yards' brisk run on the two small pneumatic-tyred wheels forward, the monoplane rose bird-like, with a singular ease and grace that was all the more astonishing in that the average person has long ago made up his mind that an airplane is a blundering, cumbersome thing—a sort of outrage on nature. As one watched M. Kouzminsky rise it was impossible not to wish to change places with him.

After shooting straight for the hill summits beyond Sha-tin, the machine rose till it looked little bigger than a hawk and then proceeded to make a brilliant series of circular flights, and finally alighted within about a hundred yards of its starting-point. M. Kouzminsky considered that, at his highest, he must have reached about 1,000 metres. He was received with rounds of hearty applause by the spectators, among whom were Lady May and Miss May, (attended by Captain Taylor), and Consul and Madame Leiria. When M. Kouzminsky had been presented to Lady May, her ladyship asked to have the mechanism explained to her and took the very keenest interest in watching the aviator's illustrations of the wonderful power of his machine.

Mr. Kouzminsky gave another exhibition of graceful flying yesterday, and the European spectators were most enthusiastic, much to the aviator's gratification.

In an interview with a representative of the "Telegraph," Mr. Kouzminsky said:

"I am sorry that I could not stay up any longer, or reach a greater height, but when I got above 700 feet the winds were baffling, coming from every direction, and full of what we call 'air holes.' I dropped about 300 feet through one, as you probably noticed, and I am assure you that it is not a comfortable sensation to feel one's self falling through practically a vacuum."

"Honey, Moissant, and several other good air men have lost their lives through failing to retain their balance in these 'air holes,' and no aviator cares almost to ask for death when these conditions are prevalent. Some day an invention may be made that will enable us to photograph air currents, just as we photograph the effects of whirlpools, water spouts, and other phenomena of the sea, to-day; but until that time every aviator will invariably descend, when these so-far invisible abysses are all about him."

Mr. Kouzminsky remarked on the fact that the Chinese boycotted his exhibition.

"I understand," he said, "that this was because, in my Chinese posters, I was advertised as the Russian aviator. As a consequence of Russia's action in connection with Mongolia, the Chinese dislike Russians. I have sent a despatch to my father, who is the President of the Senate at St. Petersburg, and I know that he will have 'questions' made there about this matter."

Defendant was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and four hours' hard labour.

#### H. E.'S VISIT TO JAPANESE ADMIRAL.

H. E. Sir Henry May visited the flagship of Admiral S. Tochimai this morning. He was accompanied by his personal staff. After having inspected the Japanese warship, H. E. returned to the Naval Dockyard. A salute was fired on his reaching the warship.

#### GERMAN RESIDENT'S DEATH.

Many readers will regret to hear of the death of Mr. Sonksen of Hongkong, and formerly of Bredstedt, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany.

Since May, 1907, Mr. Sonksen has been an assistant at the Medical Hall in Ice House Street, and proved himself to be tireless in his work, and thorough in his determination to improve his knowledge of medicine.

Mr. Sonksen was about 35 years of age, and his mother is believed to be present to be in Berstadt.

The deceased gentleman had been in the Colony for nearly six years, and he was highly popular among the German residents in the Colony.

Mr. Sonksen died on Saturday, at the Matilda Hospital, of heart-failure, and the interment took place on Saturday evening, at Happy Valley.

Many lovely floral tributes were placed on the grave by hosts of friends.

The German Pastor, Herr von Prokt, officiated.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

[The opinions expressed by our correspondents are not necessarily those of the Hongkong Telegraph.]

#### DEFATING THE BOYCOTTERS.

[To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."]

Sir, There is one woman, who is solving the problem of Hongkong versus Chinese money very much to her own satisfaction and to the deep chagrin of a number of Chinese merchants.

She keeps a supply of Chinese coins on hand and pays all bills under ten dollars in that currency. When objections are raised, she takes great pains as well as glee in pointing out to her Celestial creditors that if Chinese coins are as good as Hongkong, and that the boycott of the tram-line because of the refusal to accept the former as fare, is a just one, then the Chinese cannot refuse to accept that which they are trying to force on the Tram Company.

That some of these merchants have done some quick thinking about the relative value of money, is evidenced by the fact that without exception the Chinese coins have been accepted in profound silence accompanied by a slow retreat from the woman's home and the latter is pocketing the exchange with the promise of a new hat in the near future.

One recalls the story of the mouse that gnawed the cords that bound the lion and set him free and wonders what effect numerous doses of their own medicine delivered to them by the small buyers of the Colony would have upon the minds of the boycotters.

"Interested."

Hongkong Dec. 13, 1912.

#### HIGHWAY RUBBERY.

The Attorney General said that there were a great many cases in which that very point had been brought up, as to whether the court ought to grant a writ of *habeas corpus*, not on the merits, but when a person has been tried and found guilty. If they were of the opinion that they ought not to issue even a rule  *nisi*, why in that case the subsequent argument would not matter at all.

The Chief Justice:—We propose to deal with the whole question now.

A Preliminary Point.

The Attorney General:—This is a preliminary point as to whether you ought to consider the question, whether the right of *habeas corpus* ought to be issued or not. The question is whether you ought to go into the question at all.

The Chief Justice remarked he had asked where there was authority, and what authority, it was, to show that the court could consider the question of an *habeas corpus* when there had been a conviction by a jury, and when the legal points raised by counsel for the defence had been gone into and decided by the Full Court.

The Attorney General:—I say you should not issue a rule  *nisi*. We should never go into the argument.

A Protest.

Mr. Jenkins:—I am not quite conversant with the practice here. I should like to protest against the Attorney General being heard, in what is always an *ex parte* application for the issue of an *habeas corpus* writ.

The Puisne Judge:—Is there any reason to show why in an *ex parte* application, the court may not call upon the Crown to be represented.

Mr. Jenkins:—I don't know, I am sure; I suppose the court has inherent power to do what it pleases in these matters.

Two Fallacies.

Replying to the argument of Mr. Jenkins, the Attorney General said: he thought his friend throughout had made two fallacies in his argument. He had endeavoured to make a distinction between a writ of *habeas corpus* at common law, and writs of *habeas corpus* under the statute. For purpose of his argument, there was no such difference at all, and he was quite prepared to accept whatever distinction there might be in his friend's favour. The second point was, that he had not appreciated the very marked distinction which in fact existed between the possibility of granting a writ on commitment and after conviction.

The general result of the whole thing came to this, that a court would not issue a writ of *habeas corpus* when the person who was brought up was under sentence, the court could not grant a writ of *habeas corpus* in circumstances such as that and if they could, ought not to grant it.

The Chief Justice said that Mr. Jenkins had conducted the case with remarkable ability. He thought under the circumstances they would have less hesitation in refusing to grant the rule. With regard to the question of leave to appeal, he thought all they had to do was to give leave to appeal and express the opinion that was a case of public importance.

The Attorney General having quoted several authorities on the question of leave to appeal, his Lordship remarked that he could sentence the prisoner and arrest the sentence.

Mr. Jenkins:—When you call upon the prisoner, I shall move for the arrest of judgment.

The Chief Justice:—I am not going to start another argument.

On the resumption after tiffin, Mr. Jenkins said that he was apparently entitled, between the verdict and sentence, to move for arrest of judgment. He was entitled to do so where the court had no jurisdiction, where the facts pleaded disclosed no indictable offence, where material allegation or necessary averment was omitted, where there was no certainty of the offence charged, and where the charge was not laid properly.

The Attorney General said his friend had no right to go into the question of jurisdiction. He had to show that the indictment on the face of it was wrong. He held there was nothing wrong with the indictment, and that was all his friend could deal with.

THE POKFULUM MURDER.

One Man discharged and one Detained.

The two Chinese named Mo Hung and Mo Kwei, who were originally charged with murdering ex Jemadar Gulab, an employee of the Dairy Farm Co. some weeks ago, were again charged before Mr. Hazelton, at the Police Court, this morning.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson, the assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted.

Defendants pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Hodgson:—I wish to withdraw the charge against the defendant Mo Hung. Will your Worship fix a date for the hearing of the case against Mo Kwei?

His Worship:—How long will it take two afternoons?—I think it will take about two afternoons, your Worship.

It will come after the robbery case that I have given up to the 3rd of January.—I want to get it in for the January Sessions.

There will have to be two remands; I will remand it until the 23rd. Mo Hung is discharged and Mo Kwei remanded.

BLUEJACKET'S FATAL FALL.

An American bluejacket named Samuel Laurio belonging to the U. S. S. Wilmington, accompanied by three others, spent last night at the Victoria Boarding House and somehow fell over into the street. He was picked up at six o'clock this morning, in an unconscious condition and was removed to the hospital where he died fifty minutes later.

MADELINE.

Where'er thy feet have on this dull earth pressed,  
Wher'er thy rose-leaf hands have soft caressed,  
Where thine eyes, as pearly skies flecked with dew,  
Have turned their gaze,  
There, in thy praise,  
Flowers newborn their richest fragrance strew.

C. F. M.

A PECULIAR CASE.

Sequel to a Police Court Decision.

This morning their Lordships, the Chief Justice Mr. W. Rees Davies K.C., and the Puisne Judge, Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz, sitting in Appellate Jurisdiction heard an application in the case of Rox by Mr. R. O. Hutchison v. Wong Hong.

Mr. Eldon Potter instructed by Mr. Reader Harris of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist appeared in support of the application which was made *ex parte*.

Mr. Potter said in that case he appeared for the applicant, to ask their Lordships, as they would see on the notice of motion, for an order calling upon Mr. C. D. Melbourne, and Mr. R. O. Hutchison to show cause why certain plea of guilty entered in certain proceedings should not be expunged, and alternatively that Mr. Melbourne should reheat the case.

The applicant, Wong Hong, was charged under the opium ordinance; a plea of guilty was entered and he was convicted and fined.

The Chief Justice:—For what?

Mr. Potter:—An offence under the opium Ordinance.

The Puisne Judge:—Exporting opium?

Mr. Potter:—Yes; it is a peculiar case. I don't think there has been one on all fours with it in the Colony.

Continuing, Mr. Potter said that at the time of the proceedings, the man was not represented, but he had since instructed his solicitor that he did not plead guilty but, on the question being put whether he was exporting opium, he replied:—"Yes, I was taking it to Yacumati." The interpreter interpreted that as a plea of guilty and he was fined. Subsequently an application was made to Mr. Melbourne for a rehearing; this was refused, leave to appeal being granted. Leave to appeal would be useless; there was nothing to appeal against.

The application was granted.

Outward Bound.

Among the passengers expected

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Maru are Mr. and Mrs. C. E. H.

Bouvier, Mr. J. Finlay Miller and

Mr. P. H. Holroyd.

BOXING.

CORDELL DEFEATS A COUPLE OF MEN.

Referee's Error in Judgment.

The Skating Rink was well filled on Saturday evening, when Hughie Macintosh put a good programme of boxing before the patrons of the sport in Hongkong. It was well worth the money asked, to see Jack Cordell put out Ganner Yore and Sky Kerrison. The former he put "paid" to in one minute and ten seconds with receiving a "solitary," and Sky Kerrison he played with until the fifth round when he got to work and did the needful.

Whatever inspired the referee to return the verdict of a draw in the Wilkes-Waterman fight one cannot say, Wilkes was the superior man in every round but the fifth when Waterman got in some smashing right punches after Wilkes had been on the boards for six seconds. But how was he put to the boards? Had Commander Beckwith, been the referee, one would have seen the contest stopped by the verdict being given in favour of Wilkes. Waterman sent him to the boards with an unfair left. Wilkes has forgotten more of boxing than Waterman is ever likely to know. The latter might have a punch in his right, but there was not much doing in that line on Saturday.

The audience received the decision badly and there was some justification for this, so obviously faulty was the verdict. Finally a collection was made for Wilkes and \$41.40 subscribed. Waterman challenged Wilkes for a side stake of any amount (orries of "who is going to referee?") Wilkes said he was willing to accept Waterman's challenge "on condition I get a fairer referee." Waterman showed further weakness when he exclaimed he would "box Wilkes, not run him a foot race." Thus he indicated the superior ring-craft of Wilkes, and practically plead guilty to defeat.

In the Bux-Dean bout, Bux was given all he could do to win. Bux is certainly quicker than Dean at the moment, but the day is not very far distant when he will take defeat at Dean's hands if the latter can only get a good couch. Bux was nearly out once, and had Dean been a little quicker, the result would have been in his favour. Bux is far from a clean fighter and hugged whenever he got the opportunity. Kid Marriott was well beaten by Smith, and Worthington trounced Williams.

The boxing was good on the whole, and Wilkes is the prettiest boxer we have seen in the Colony for some considerable time.

*Marriott v. Smith.*

Kid Marriott ex-feather Weight Champion 120lbs. met Pie Smith D.C.L.I. 116lbs. in an eight round contest.

First Round: Both men exchanged evenly after the shake. Marriott then landed a left and right. Smith covered his jaw closely and shook Marriott with a fierce left jab.

Second and Third round:

Marriott had the better of these rounds and got in a smashing right hook to the jaw that caused Smith some trouble. Marriott's left was also very useful.

Fourth Round: Marriott slipped, spread-eagled his legs and kept down for eight seconds. From a right hook he went down for nine, and from another similar hook went down again but the gong saved him.

Fifth Round: Marriott fought fresh again and after scoring with his left got in another right swing. Marriott was again cautioned for running in with head down.

Sixth Round: Smith led cleverly with the left, putting Marriott to the boards for eight.

Seventh and Eighth Rounds:

Marriott in these rounds seemed to make up some leeway with his left and commenced straight right punching with effect. In the eighth round Marriott went down for four to a right. Later Smith slipped from Marriott's right swing and, bringing in his left, put Marriott down for five, the round ending before he was counted out. Smith got the verdict.

*Williams v. Worthington.*

Frank Williams of Manila 145

lbs. met Pie Worthington

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ALLEGED DANGEROUS DEN.

Police Raid a House in Wanchai.

The two Chinese found in possession of arms and ammunition in Wanchai, were again brought before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this afternoon. Mr. C. F. Mason, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist defended.

Sergeant Ogg spoke to visiting a house in Stone Nullah Lane on the 8th inst. When he went to the door someone looked through a peep hole. There was a lot of running about inside. The detective along with him called upon the inmates to open the door several times but they would not. Eventually the door was forced open. The first defendant ran into the cool house and tried to get down a spout. The second defendant had the automatic revolver (produced) in his hand. Witness caught this defendant on the verandah. The detective along with him called upon the inmates to open the door several times but they would not. Eventually the door was forced open. The first defendant ran into the cool house and tried to get down a spout. The second defendant had the automatic revolver (produced) in his hand. Witness caught this defendant on the verandah.

Witness continuing, said that the two formidable knives produced were also found amongst the firewood. He also found some tools likely to be used for burglarious purposes. The case was proceeding as we went to press.

DON'T FORGET.

Tuesday, Dec. 17. "An Ideal Husband" Theatre Royal.

Wednesday, Dec. 18. Confirmation Service, St. John's Cathedral, 5.30 p.m.

To-day's Advertisement

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 21st Dec., will be subject to rent.

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SHANGHAI ... KWONGSANG ... Tuesday, 17th Dec., Noon.

SPORE, SOUTRAVAYA ... FAUSANG ... Tuesday, 17th Dec., Noon.

&amp; SAMARANG ... FAUSANG ... Tuesday, 17th Dec., Noon.

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For Steamers. DATE OF DEPARTURE.

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SHANGHAI, KOBE &amp; YOKOHAMA ... PEMBROKESHIRE ... 4th Feb.

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## HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO, AND WEST RIVER STEAMERS.

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HONGKONG TO CANTON CANTON TO HONGKONG

MONDAY, 16th DECEMBER.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG  
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MARSHELLS, LONDON &amp; ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY &amp; PORT SAID ... TANGO MARU, Capt. K. Kawara T. 18,500 WEDNESDAY, 18th December, at Daylight.

EUROPE &amp;c. KAMO MARU, Capt. F. L. Sommer, T. 16,000 WEDNESDAY, 1st Jan., at daylight.

VICTORIA, B.C. &amp; SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, TAKAO, KOREA, YOKOHAMA, &amp; HAMAGUCHI ... YAWA MARU, Capt. Shimizu, T. 12,500 TUESDAY, 31st Dec., at noon.

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YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekine, T. 7,000 WEDNESDAY, 15th Jan., at Noon.

NAKAI, KOBE &amp; YOKOHAMA ... YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekine, T. 7,000 WEDNESDAY, 18th Dec., at Noon.

MISHIMA MARU, Capt. E. A. Moto, Tons 16,000 THURSDAY, 19th Dec., at daylight.

CALCUTTA via COLOMBO MARU, Capt. Kawashima Tons 6,000 SATURDAY, 28th December.

SHANGHAI, KOREA &amp; YOKOHAMA ... HAKATA MARU, Capt. T. Nomura, T. 12,000 MONDAY, 23rd December.

SHANGHAI, TAKAO, KOREA &amp; YOKOHAMA ... RANGOON MARU, Capt. Kamoshita, T. 7,000 WEDNESDAY, 18th Dec., at noon.

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Miobima Maru 16,000 20th January.

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Hitachi Maru 13,000 12th March.

Miyasaki Maru 16,000 26th March.

Kitano Maru 16,000 9th April.

Iyo Maru 12,000 23rd April.

Hirano Maru 16,000 7th May.

Tango Maru 18,500 21st May.

(Subject to change without notice.)

T. KUSUMOTO, Manager.

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## CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

## FAIRINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

For Steamers. To Sail.

MANILA, CEBU &amp; ILOILO ... TAMING ... 17th, 4 P.M.

SHANGHAI ... CHINHUA ... 19th, 4 P.M.

SHANGHAI ... LIANGCHOW ... 31st, 11 P.M.

MANILA, CEBU &amp; ILOILO ... KUEICHOW ... 27th, 4 P.M.

This steamer has superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fan in State-rooms. A duly qualified Doctor is carried. Reduced Fares, Cargo, booked through for all Australian, New Zealand and Tasmanian Ports.

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Reduced Fares:—Single \$45. Return \$75.

NEW SERVICE.

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Sailing on alternate Wednesdays.

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RUBI ..... 4000 J. Miller Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu. TUESDAY, 17th Dec., 4 P.M.

ZAFIRO ... 4000 F. E. Clark Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu. FRIDAY, 27th Dec., 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage apply to

SHEWAN TOMES & CO  
GENERAL MANAGERS

Hongkong 7th December, 1912.

## LOG BOOK.

The S. S. Braemar.

The well-known Warrack Line Braemar, says the "Japan Chioniole," is shortly to be transferred to the Japanese flag, having been sold through Messrs. Samuel &amp; Co., of Kobe. This firm has also disposed of the Bombay and Peoria Steam Navigation Co.'s str Naseri, to Hokkaido buyers. Rangoon as a Port.

During the year the port of Rangoon was visited by 1,300 steamers and 121 sailing vessels, the majority of the steamers belonging, of course, to the B. I. S. N. Co. The total tonnage of incoming steamers was 2,630,692, an increase over the previous year of 65,520 tons, by way of accommodation for which two new berths were laid and a fixed mooring berth was laid for the British Burma Petroleum Company's oil steamers.

It may be remembered that a deep channel had formed of itself to the west of Hastings Shoal and Liffey Island which it was hoped might remain open permanently; but during the year shoaling took place again making it clear that expensive dredging cannot be avoided to keep a permanently open channel.

The channels at the mouth of the river, however, remained steady. Twenty-three casualties to shipping occurred during the year, all of a minor kind and not resulting in any material damage.

The steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light, and have accommodation for a limited number of telegraph passengers, and will take cargo to all Ports in Netherlands-India on through B/L.

## COMMERCIAL.

Rubber and Mining Shares.  
Messrs. Davies & Co., of Sing-  
apore send us the following  
(December 7.)

Company. Closing Quotations.  
Dollar. Buyers. Sellers.

Alor Gajah ... 3.05 3.20  
Ayer Kuning 0.75 0.80  
Ayer Molek ... 2.85 2.95  
Ayer Panas ... 7.75 8.25  
Balgownie ... 7.20 7.70  
Bukit ... 0.52 0.60

Jelutong ... 0.30 0.50  
Bukit Katil ... 0.08 0.87  
Bukit K. B. ... 1.05 1.12  
Bukit Timah 18.00 19.75  
Changkat

Serdang ... 6.75 7.10  
Glenealy ... 0.15 0.20 p.m.  
Haytor ... 8.00 9.00  
Ladragiri ... 6.00 7.10

Jinah ... 0.474 0.524  
Kedah ... 2.30 2.60  
Kelemak ... 1.50 1.35 Dis  
Kompas ... 3.40 3.50  
Kuala Sawah. 0.40 0.50  
Lunas ... 2.20 2.50  
Malaka Pinoh 1.523 1.60 c.d.  
Malakoff ... 2.50 2.65  
MandaiTekong 0.633 0.673  
Mergui ... 2.30 2.45  
Nollinay ... 0.35 0.45  
Now Serondah 2.55 2.70  
Nyals ... 0.40 0.473  
Pajam ... 14.75 15.25  
Puntai ... 1.274 1.35  
Puengor ... 0.75 0.80  
Radella ... 12.50 14.00  
Sandycroft ... 12.75 13.75  
Seabron ... 0.374 0.424  
Sangei Bagan 1.30 1.40  
Tambalak ... 0.75 0.80  
Tapah ... 13.70 14.00  
Tolak Anson 7.25 7.50  
Trafalgar (Coconut crop)...  
Ulu Pandan 0.721 0.80  
United Malacca 1.023 1.10  
Sterling.

Allagar ... 2.0 3/3  
Anglo-Java ... 7/3 8/

Batang Malaka 2/4 2/7

Bukit Kujang ... 2.3.6 £3.7.6

Bukit Mortajam 2/8 3/1

Bukit Som-

bawang ... 1/11 2/1

Chorsonose

(F.M.S.) ... 3/2 3/6

Chimpul ... 1/24 1/4

Duff Develop-  
ment Co. ... 12/4 13/3

Illojo ... 6/10 7/8

Heawood ... 4/2 4/6

Highland &

Lowland £1.0.0 £1.10.0

Jasin ... 1/10 2/

Kamuning

(Perak) ... 4/4 5/

Kepitigalla 20/3 22/5

Kota Tinggi 2/3 2/7

Kebu

(F.M.S.) ... 9/4 10/3

Lumut ... £1.14.0 £1.17.6

Mulacca (7/4) Prof.) ... £11.10.0 £12.5.0

Malacea (Ordinary) £11.10.0 £12.5.0

Melimau ... 4/- 4/4

Nordanjal ... £1.0.0 £1.11.3

Padang Jawa ... 2/7 3/-

Pegoh ... £2.0.0 £2.9.0

Rembia ... £1.2.0 £1.7.6

Rubber Estates:

Krian ... 3/- 3/6

Sapong ... £1.1.0 £1.2.6

Singapore Pura

Rubber ... 3/1 3/7

Singapore United 2/2 2/3

Straits Bertam ... 4/6 5/-

United Temiang 1/3 1/9

United Temiang 1/6 0/3 dis.

Minin-

Belat ... 3.00 3.30

Bruang, Lt. ... 1.40 1.60

Kampar ... nom.

Kanaboi, Ltd. 2.30 2.50

Kinta Associa-  
tion, Ltd. ... 14.40 14.85

Kinta Tin Mines 34/- 37/8

Kledang ... ...

Lehat ... 38/- 34/6

Middleton ... 14.00 15.00

New French

Tekka ... f.1,000 1,300

New Tambo nom.

Pithang Con-  
solidated ... 10/7 12/-

Pengkalan ... 9/6 10/6

Pusing Babru ... 0/- 11/7/

Pusing Luma ... 3/9 4/0

Rubim Hydraulic ... 0.50 11.00

Rahman Tin Co. ... 21.00 22.50

Rambatan ... 8.50 -

Raub ... 3.75 4.00

Redhills ... 1.25 2.00

Royal Johore ... 1.15 1.35

Selangor River ... nom. nom.

Sempam ... nom.

Serendah

Hydraulic ... 1.50 2.10

Sungei Gau ... 12.50 13.75

Tekka, Ltd. ... 6/6 7/3

Ting Kil ... 10.25 11.00

Tongkah

Harbour ... 15.00 18.50

Trench ... 70/- 77/1

November Rubber Returns.  
Rembia ... 7,080 lbs.

Lendu ... 2,820 lbs.

Krubong ... 3,000 lbs.

Permas ... 5,314 lbs.

Majedie ... 2,400 lbs.

Jimah ... 2,350 lbs.

Straits Rubber Co. ... 130,000

lbs.

Ruban ... 32,000 lbs.

Tali Ayer ... 38,000 lbs.

Bagan Serui ... 10,250 lbs.

Batik Rabit ... 7,750 lbs.

Lunut ... 19,450 lbs.

Sunatra Para ... 40,000 lbs.

Rubber Company of Malay ... 9,000 lbs.

Anglo-Johore ... 6,660 lbs., total

to date 41,704 lbs., corresponding

period last year 4,558 lbs.

Beverley ... 13,770 lbs., total to

date 10 months 131,222 lbs.

Blackwater ... 11,854 lbs., total

to date 10 months 87,724 lbs.

Bukit Panjung ... 13,337 lbs.,

total to date 10 months 108,103

lbs.

Goleonda ... 26,451 lbs., total

to date 11 months 237,037 lbs.

Kapar Para ... 44,575 lbs., total

to date 11 months 450,555 lbs.

Ulu Itantau ... 20,516 lbs., total

to date 11 months 183,166 lbs.

Seremban ... 46,249 lbs., total

to date 11 months 397,589 lbs.

Selangor United ... 4,091 lbs.

total to date 8 months 29,734 lbs.

Consolidated Rubber Estates ...

3,597 lbs., total for first eleven

months of the year 19,535 lbs.

Sungei Choh ... 17,392 lbs.,

total to date 11 months 92,614

lbs.

Sungei Kapar ... 10,000 lbs.,

total to date 11 months 408,200

lbs.

Sungei Salak ... 25,482 lbs.,

total to date 11 months 217,732

lbs.

Dusun Durian ... 15,563 lbs.,

total to date 11 months 125,289

lbs.

Jeram ... 9,500 lbs., total to

date 8 months 56,484 lbs.

Ayer Itam ... 2,005 lbs., total

to date 8 months 16,112 lbs.

United Sumatra ... 21,000 lbs.

For 11 months 175,200 lbs.

Interest Allowed on Current

Account.

Deposits received for fixed

periods at rates to be obtained on

application.

TAKEO TAKAMICHI,

Manager.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1912. [18]

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## BOXING.

(Continued from page 5).  
KO Y.L.I., 140 lbs., in an eight round contest.

Worthington scored repeatedly with straight lefts and once negotiated a dangerous right. Williams go in a pretty left. The latter sought the knock-out and boxed carelessly. In the third round Worthington caught Williams napping once with right upper-cut and for the remainder of the round Williams was very weak. Then Williams scored three times with his left before Worthington made his man sea stars with a fierce left to the chin. Worthington's right upper-cuts were Williams' undoing, the former doing all the leading. Worthington in the last round made the pico hot for Williams, but missed many self made opportunities. Worthington was declared the winner.

## Waterman v Wilkes.

In an eight round contest Joe Waterman, Manila 141 lbs, fought Pte Wilkes, K. O. Y. L. I., 140 lbs. Wilkes did all the leading and narrowly missed a tale-telling left swing. Wilkes scored with another left swing and then feinting for a right swing landed a good left to the stomach. Wilkes severely punished Waterman with left and right to the jaw and a smashing left to the stomach. Wilkes sent in both right and left with plugging frequency, and fighting with both hands, put points up at every turn. In the fifth round Waterman commenced to wake up and with a low left put Wilkes down for six. Wilkes came again however, and by clever foot work dodged punishment. In the sixth round a fair body punch from Wilkes made Waterman protest. The round fell to Wilkes as did most of the others. Wilkes kept fresh in the seventh round and despite a good right that Waterman got in, Wilkes was all over him. In the last round Wilkes was all over his man again and was easily on points though the referee declared the result a draw.

## Bux v. Dean.

In an Bux 124 lbs, met Joe Dean H.M.S. Kent 125 lbs, in an eight round bout. The first round was fairly even, Bux having the balance in points. Bux had to accept a couple of right hooks from Dean, though the former was quicker and countered well. The third round was Dean's, his left jabs counting. Bux eventually got going and scored quickly with left and right to the face. Dean again kept his left well occupied and scored with it frequently. In the fifth round Bux was cautioned for holding and his blows were dangerously low. Dean gave him all he wanted with his clever left. The sixth round went to Dean easily, Bux appearing to lose his temper. The seventh round was fairly even though Bux got through in consequence of Dean becoming careless with his guard. In the last round the honours were fairly even. Bux who scored earlier in the contest had a very slight reserve of points and was declared the winner.

## Cordell v. Yore.

Jack Cordell, middle weight champion of the Orient, knocked out Gunner Yore R.G.A., middle weight champion of North China, in one minute and ten seconds of a ten round contest. From the preliminary exchange it was plain to be seen that Cordell having another man to meet after this bout was not to accept any more punishment from Yore than he could help. Cordell walked his man round the ring and fended him in the left hand corner by putting his left to his stomach, tapped his jaw with left jab and rang down the curtain with a right hook characterised more by neatness than violence. It was splendidly measured and timed; and the gunner was "sent to the sports." Cordell only delivered three punches and Yore never even countered the first. Cordell, however, injured his one finger and faced the next bout thus handicapped.

## Cordell v. Kerrison.

Jack Cordell then had a "bundle in" with Sky Kerrison in a contest billed to go ten rounds. First Round: Cordell displayed very little anxiety to hurry matters. Kerrison was permit-

ted to put a left to Cordell's chin. Cordell cut the air with a right hook that seemed intended for that purpose.

Second Round: Cordell still took a lead at Kerrison, but the latter, having landed his left twice, seemed to believe that his man was not too clever, and got careless with his defence. Cordell put a check to his coolness by tapping his kidney. Kerrison then got a left to the chin that Cordell in truth was not expecting. For a moment Cordell looked a bit lost and Kerrison planted a left and right as the going sounded.

Third Round: Kerrison came with a taunt with left and right. Cordell made a bid to end "the sketch", with a similar right hook to that which put Yore in Wonderland, but missed. Cordell later planted a left to the stomach and was about to follow up with the left and right that won him the first battle when the going sounded.

Fourth Round: Cordell could have put an end to the encounter when he trapped Kerrison with his left as he ducked from a right hook, and pressing the head down with the left could have put one at the back of Sky's neck that would have left him uneasy for the remainder of the week-end. The right went up in the air and everybody thought it was coming down like a stone hammer when Cordell halted, and smiling at his seconds walked back to the contréthring.

Fifth Round: The three-punch arrangement with which Cordell beat Yore—left to the stomach, a quick left on to the chin and then a typhoon right hook, appeared to be the suit in which he was going to dress Kerrison. The left went out twice to the face playfully, a quick slip back from intending counters twice brought Kerrison nicely on to him if he had wished to pay attention to his stomach. Later, on the ropes, Cordell tickled Kerrison's nose with a gentle one, Kerrison tried to counter, Cordell slipped back and then bringing the first punch of the series to the stomach brought Kerrison's chin just where he wanted it for a quick up-coming left, and Sky was in the company of the fairies and nymphs. There was no necessity for the final instalment, the two punches were enough. Kerrison slipped along the ropes as though they were magnetised, and Cordell walked to his corner almost without having turned hair.

## THE SIAK CASE.

Mr. J. E. Bingham appeared in the British Supreme Court at Shanghai on the 10th inst. as defendant in an action arising out of the Siaik case. The plaintiff was Mr. P. H. Martin. Mr. W. R. Brandt appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. J. C. E. Douglas for defendant. Plaintiff's claim was for the payment of £1,450 being the dividend declared in the liquidation of the company on one hundred shares in the name of F. R. Vida and assigned by him to the plaintiff, and all other dividends due thereon.

The alternative was the claim of the same sum as damages for wrongful refusal to pay such dividends or on account of the damages sustained by the plaintiff thereby. Mr. Douglas said the question was whether the defendant ought to pay the dividend on such shares and suggested that there should be an order for pleadings. He expected, when his friend had filed, that they might agree as to the statement of facts on which to try the issue. In answer to His Lordship who asked if the case was in the nature of a test action, Mr. Brandt said that he understood claims of a similar nature might be forthcoming. Pleadings were ordered to be made.—"China Press."

## Drowned.

The body of a man aged about 45 years was found under Hoi On wharf yesterday. Death was apparently due to drowning.

## Stolen Boots.

A man who broke into the stores of Messrs. Cherry and Co, and stole therefrom twelve pairs of boots valued \$160, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour and four strokes, by Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning.

## POST OFFICE.

## MAILS ARRIVED TO-DAY.

Manila, s.s. Chiyo-maru,  
Swatow, s.s. Hangang.

## MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

London Due  
Nov. 29 Shanghai  
Nov. 30 Dec. 24

## MAILS DUE.

Siberian, Anhui, 18th inst;  
English, Delta, 20th inst.  
American, Awa-maru, 22nd  
inst.

The Amazone, with the French Mail leaves Saigon on Sunday the 15th instant at 5.30 a.m. and may be expected to arrive here on Wednesday the 18th instant at daylight.

The Anhui as expected to arrive here on Wednesday the 18th instant, with the London Mail (via Siberia) of Wednesday the 27th ult.

The Delta with the English Mail left Singapore on Saturday the 14th inst. at 6 p.m. and may be expected to arrive here on Friday the 20th inst. at 6 a.m. This packet brings the Parcel Mails closed in London for despatch by the all sea route on the 13th November and for despatch overland on the 20th November.

The Awa Maru is expected to arrive here on Sunday the 22nd inst. with the American Mail ex Nile.

The parcels by the incoming English Mail Delta, due here on Friday next, will not be ready for delivery to the Public until 11 a.m. on Saturday the 21st inst.

## MAILS CLOSE.

Fort Bayard—Per Kwongchowan, 17th Dec., 8 a.m.

Siam—Per Fritjof, 17th Dec., 9 a.m.

Haiphong and Pakhoi—Per Hongkong, 17th Dec., 9 a.m.

Shanghai; North China, Japan via Kobe—Per Pembroke, 17th Dec., 9 a.m.

Siam—Per Fritjof, 17th Dec., 9 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Kwongsung, 17th Dec., 10 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Lienshing, 17th Dec., 10 a.m.

Singapore, Sourabaya and Samarang—Per Fausing, 17th Dec., 10 a.m.

Siam—Per Haldis, 17th Dec., 10 a.m.

French Mail.

Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail) (Late Letters 11.00 a.m. to Noon. Extra Postage 10 cents).—Per Ernest Simons, 17th Dec., 11 a.m.

French Mail.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 17th Dec., 1.15 p.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Rubi, 17th Dec., 3 p.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Tamang, 17th Dec., 3 p.m.

Japan via Kobe—Per Niashu Maru, 17th Dec., 5 p.m.

Straits and Ceylon—Per Tangu Maru, 17th Dec., 5 p.m.

Fort, Bayard, Haiphong—Per Si-kiang, 18th Dec., 8 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Kaiyo-maru, 18th Dec., 9 a.m.

Straits and India via Calcutta—Per Yatshing, 18th Dec., 11 a.m.

Japan via Nagasaki—Per Yawata Maru, 18th Dec., 11 a.m.

Siberian Mail.

Shanghai, North China, and Japan via Kobe (Europe via Siberia)—Per Amazone, 18th Dec., 4 p.m.

Samarang—Per Chilmar, 19th Dec., 11 a.m.

Sandakan—Per Mau sang, 19th Dec., 3 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Chinhu, 19th Dec., 3 p.m.

Japan via Yokohama—Per Upada, 19th Dec., 3 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haitan, 19th Dec., 5 p.m.

Straits and India via Calcutta—Per Yatshing, 20th Dec., 11 a.m.

Siberian Mail.

Shanghai, & North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per Delta 20th 5 p.m.

Philippines Islands—Per Yuen-sang, 21st Dec., 1 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Liangchow, 21st Dec., 5 p.m.

## SHIPPING NEWS.

## ARRIVED.

Heimdal, Nor. s.s. 762, J. A. Johnson, 14th Dec.—Hai-

phong 12th Dec., Gen.—S. T. & Co.

Kauchow, Br. s.s. 1,217, Monk-

man, 14th Dec.—Swatow

13th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Siam, Br. s.s. Br. s.s. 992, Pry-

om, 14th Dec.—Port

Court 11th Dec., Gen.—

Order.

Changchow, Br. s.s. 1,203, Trow-

bridge, 14th Dec.—Tien-

tsin 8th Dec., Gen.—B.

& S.

Machew, Br. s.s. 395, 995, Zail-

mar, 14th Dec.—Cebu

10th Dec., Ballast.—B. &

S.

Childar, Nor. s.s. 1,102, Flojortor,

14th Dec.—Surabaya 4th

Dec., Sugar—T. & Co.

Novara, Br. s.s. 4,249, Hethering-

ton, 14th Dec.—London

2nd Nov., Gen.—P. & O.

& Co.

Sabine, Rickmers, Nor. s.s. 573,

Vries, 14th Dec.—Amoy

12th Dec., Gen.—Ballast.—A.

P. & Co.

Liberia, Ger. s.s. Schroeder, 14th

Dec.—Shanghai 11th

Dec., Gen.—H. A. L.

Dagny, Nor. s.s. 882, P. Selvén,

14th Dec.—Hongay

11th Dec., Gen.—Coal.—A. T. & Co.

Lovat, Br. s.s. 3,900, R. Eligg,

14th Dec.—Liverpool 26th

Oct., Gen.—D. & Co.

Tientsin, Br. s.s. 1,128, Robert-

son, 14th Dec.—Swatow

13th Dec., Gen.—Ballast.—B. &

S.

Varg, Nor. s.s. 874, Rasmussen,

14th Dec.—Swatow, 13th

Ballast.—A. T. & Co.

Toonan, Chi. s.s. 942, W. Wilks,

15th Dec.—Shanghai and

Swatow 12th Dec., Gen.—

C. C. M. S. N. Co.

Huiching, Br. s.s. 1,267, W. F.

Passmore, 15th Dec.—

Swatow 14th Dec., Gen.—

D. & L. & Co.

Chinhua, Br. s.s. 1,349, Benson,

15th Dec.—Shanghai 12th

Dec., Gen.—B. & S.